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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.*

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
by authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. SARAH HAYWARD, SUSAN B. HOLWAY, FRANCES S. KETTELLE, RUTH SEVERANCE, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the "LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION," to be established in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of establishing a Home and a school, to aid in the support and education of indigent youth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purpose aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided that the whole amount of real and personal property held and possessed by the said corporation shall not exceed in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, April 16, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, *President.*

Approved.

April 16, 1850.

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, April 18, 1850.

I hereby certify the forgoing to be a true copy of the original act.

WM. TUFTS, *Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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## AN ACT

### TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE "LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled,  
and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The "Ladies' American Home Education Society and Temperance Union," a corporation established in Boston, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and eleven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, shall be known as the "Nickerson Home for Children," on and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 11, 1880.

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## FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the "NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN,"  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for the use and benefit of said  
Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof to the general  
object of the Home. And I do direct that a receipt, signed by the President  
and Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

# CONSTITUTION.

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ART. 1. This Home shall be called the NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, especially half orphans, when their homes are suddenly broken up by death, where they can enjoy all the comforts of a well regulated family, and be instructed, not only physically, but intellectually and religiously. For the privilege of such a home, a small board will be required, which, although not enough for the child's support, will serve to give to parents the feeling that he or she is doing what they can for the support of their little ones. A limited number of children, which will be increased as our means shall permit, will be admitted to the Home free of charge. Parents or friends may visit the children at the Home, or may remove them from it whenever their circumstances will warrant their assuming their children's support.

ART. 3. Any person paying one dollar annually shall be a member. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President and Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and sixteen Managers, one of whom shall officiate as Librarian. Five shall be chosen annually as Trustees, of whom the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a part. At any regular meeting convened, any number of the Officers and Managers present may be competent to proceed with the business in thirty minutes after the appointed hour, and five may constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President, in concurrence with the Committee, to call all special meetings, and to preside at meetings of the Board of Managers, each of which is to be opened with prayer. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Managers; and at each meeting for business she shall read the record of the last preceding meeting. She shall, on special occasions, notify the members of the Board, and shall assist in any other duties the Board of Managers may assign.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the money received and expended, and shall present the bills due against the Home at each meeting of the Board, to be approved by them and signed by the President. She shall make a written report annually to the Managers. Such assistance shall be allowed to the Treasurer in collecting of funds, keeping of books, etc., as the Board of Managers shall deem expedient.

ART. 8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held the first Thursday in January, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when the officers shall be chosen once in five years; but the office of each lady will only be held by the faithful fulfilment of their official duties. An Annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, the report from the Board of Managers read, vacancies upon the Board filled, and such other business transacted as may come before them. Meetings of the Managers are holden at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Thursday of every month; Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Managers the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Home.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet weekly or oftener at the Home, to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family, and to take charge of the financial affairs generally pertaining to the Home; to transact business, so far as practicable, with individuals who may wish to place children under the patronage of the Home, together with other important daily visits made at the Home, which require to be recorded and promptly reported at the meetings of the Board of Managers for their action.

ART. 10. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting.



## LIFE MEMBERS.

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Miss B. A. Faxon,	. . . .	East Braintree.
Mr. E. Brown,	. . . .	Boston.
Shepard, Norwell & Co.,	. . . .	"
Mrs. Deacon Allen,	. . . .	Holyoke.
Mrs. Mary P. Swasey,	. . . .	Beverly.
Mrs. R. C. Mather,	. . . .	Beaufort, S. C.
Mr. A. Low,	. . . .	Boston.
Mrs. J. N. Cox,	. . . .	Brookline.
Miss A. A. Bradley,	. . . .	Hingham.
Mrs. Andrew B. Cobb,	. . . .	Boston.
Miss Sarah M. Bailey,	. . . .	Abington.
Miss Phœbe Newman,	. . . .	Newbury.
Mrs. Charles F. Adams,	. . . .	Boston.
F. Gordon Dexter,	. . . .	"
Mrs. C. Humphrey,	. . . .	"
John Bailey,	. . . .	Topsfield.
Henry S. Shaw,	. . . .	Boston.
C. W. Kingsley,	. . . .	"
Mrs. Harvey Jewell,	. . . .	"
Miss Josephine Ladd,	. . . .	"
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Mrs. H. C. Thacher,	. . . .	"
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Arioch Wentworth,	. . . .	"
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Mrs. Theodore Nickerson,	. . . .	Boston.
Mr. George A. Draper,	. . . .	"

# DONATIONS

TO THE HOME FOR 1902.

Aldrich, Miss, clothing.  
 Am. Cereal Co., 1 case Pettijohn.  
 Andrews, Asa L., 1 bag onions.  
 Armstrong, Wm., fruit and express cart.  
 Atwood, H. & R., 4 galls. oysters.  
 Bailey, Miss M. A., hats and caps.  
 Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Batcheller, J. W., 1 suit and mittens.  
 Benjamin, W. W., 1 box vegetables.  
 Blaisdell, Miss M. Josephine, boots and clothing.  
 Boswell, Miss Carrie L., clothing.  
 Bourne, W. H., Milford, clothing.  
 Bromfield St. Church, clothing.  
 Browning, King & Co., suit and overcoat.  
 Bumstead, Mrs. Ella, clothing.  
 Butler, W. S., 16 pair stockings.  
 Caswell & Foster, tea.  
 Champney, John B., boy's clothing.  
 Chandler, J. W., 1 bbl. apples.  
 Cobb, Aldrich & Co., 1 bbl. flour and wood.  
 Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, 20 lbs. coffee.  
 Cole, S. B., 1 chicken.  
 Cooper, J. F. & Co., 1 bag vegetables.  
 Cotton, Mr., boots and boy's clothing.  
 Coughlan, E. M. & T. F., hats.  
 Cowell, David H., caps.  
 Curtis & Co., 1 bbl. apples.  
 Daniels, Miss Annie A., Milford, flannel skirts.  
 Davies, Rev. E., Reading, apples and clothing.  
 Day, C. S., sausages.  
 Deaconess' Home, Miss Fisk, clothing, boots and toys.  
 Dempsey, C. H., 2 chickens.  
 Dillaway, Jas. H., 10 lbs. corn beef.  
 Down & Wentworth, lamb.  
 Dwinnell, Wright & Co., 10 lbs. coffee.  
 Easter Mission, Easter cards.  
 Eaton & Eustis, 2 bbls. apples.  
 Efford, Miss Mildred, 2 skirts and a coat.

Ellis Brothers, 1 bush. peas.  
 Evans, T. B., chicken.  
 Ferguson Bakery, bread and cake.  
 Fitch, Nathan, 2 chickens.  
 Flower Mission, flowers.  
 Friend, 2 chickens.  
 Friend, a coat.  
 Geisser, E., Dorch. Ave., clothing.  
 Gloucester Fish Co., 52½ lbs. fish.  
 Gustin, H. E., vegetables.  
 Gustin & Saunders, vegetables.  
 Haley & Lynde, 26 lbs. corned beef.  
 Hall & Cole, cranberries.  
 Hickey,  
 Holway, T. E., 10 baskets of grapes and clothing.  
 Howard, G. B., meat, bananas, and expressing.  
 Howard, Mrs. G. B., clothing and boots.  
 Howard W. Spurr Coffee Co., 15 lbs. coffee.  
 Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, glass and crockery.  
 Johnson, B., lamb.  
 Keller, Mrs. William, clothing.  
 Keyon, Mlle. L. U., Gloucester, hats.  
 King, S. B., vegetables.  
 Knight, Alonzo A., 2 dozen jellies.  
 Knight's Bakery, cake.  
 Ladies' Benevolent Society, Hingham, valuable clothing.  
 Lawrence, Henry L., 2 turkeys.  
 Leeds, Mrs. D. D., clothing.  
 Leeds, Mrs. F. A., Newton, clothing.  
 Legg, George M. D., 1 turkey.  
 Legg, W. E. A., 1 turkey.  
 Lerner, W. H. & Son., cheese.  
 Locke, Isaac, fruit, vegetables and Christmas tree.  
 Locke, Mrs., clothing and toys.  
 Lowell Brothers, 1 bbl. vegetables.  
 Martin, George E., vegetables.  
 McDonald, Mrs. A. C., Malden, clothing.  
 McGeachy, Mrs. J. C., Clinton, hats and flowers.

MacInnis, Mrs., clothing.  
 Mills & Deering, 1 tub butter.  
 Morrison, H. P., butter.  
 Nash, Hopkins, tea.  
 Nash, Spaulding & Co., 1 bbl. sugar.  
 Niles, Eugene M, ham.  
 Noyes, W. W., 1 bbl. apples.  
 Oriental Tea Co., tea and coffee.  
 Osgood, C. E., rug.  
 Orne, Mrs. Henry, clothing.  
 Paffs, Mrs., Cambridgeport, clothing.  
 Pierce, Mrs. Alfred, valuable clothing.  
 Pierce, Alfred, 2 bags and 2 cases germ meal, 12 packages crystalline salt, 50 lbs. salt.  
 Pierce, S. S., 1 bbl. flour.  
 Provident Association, 2 suits and 2 pair boots.  
 Rich & Mathews, 25 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Robbins. Nathan, 1 turkey.  
 Shapleigh Coffee Co., 10 lbs coffee.  
 Spear, box of useful articles.  
 Stahl, C. F., 10 lbs. chocolate candy.

Starbird & Jordan, apples and celery.  
 Stone, Chas. H. & Co., 1 bu. beans.  
 Stubbs, J. A., 1 gal. oysters.  
 Sturtevant & Haley, roast beef.  
 Sturtevant, L. J., 1 turkey.  
 Talton, T. D., clothing.  
 Tappin, L. D., celery.  
 Tremont Bakery, bread and cakes.  
 Van Horn, Geo. W., Peas and apples.  
 W.C.T.U. Flower Mission, flowers.  
 Weston's Bakery, bread and pies.  
 Whidden, Miss G. M., hats.  
 Whittemore Bros., 12 bottles gilt edge blacking.  
 Whittney, Miss M. S., hats.  
 Wilder, Mrs. Edward B., clothing.  
 Wilder, Master Ned and Miss Mildred, toys and candy.  
 Wilkins, S. H., roast beef.  
 Wilson, Mrs. E. A., clothing.  
 Winslow, Rand & Watson, 10 lbs. tea.  
 Wood, Thomas & Co., tea.  
 Wright, Mr., fruit, nuts and candy.  
 Young, J. B. & Co., squashes.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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When as managers of the Nickerson Home for Children, we view, in perspective, the months which have passed since our last report was given to its friends and patrons; or count the time which brings us to the year 1903 by "heart throbs," then do we find that it has been a year teeming with "abundant life." Such an experience as Jean Paul Richter pictures when he says:

"The last, best fruit which comes to late perfection, even in the kindest soul, is tenderness toward the hard, forbearance toward the unforbearing, warmth of heart toward the cold, philanthropy toward the misanthropic."

The members of the Finance Committee have solved some of the problems incident to their office in a unique and satisfactory manner; so that the necessary bills have been quickly met.

The Matron, Mrs. Lola Holway, is ever thoughtful for the well-being and comfort of the children. She has endeared herself not only to them, but to the visitors, parents, and members of the Executive Board as well.

The Visitors appointed to inspect the Home each month, offered suggestions that were immediately acted upon by the Committee on Repairs. This necessitated the laying of new floors in one or two of the rooms, together with a coat of fresh paint in one of the sleeping rooms, and other much needed improvements.

That 88 children have been so comfortably housed and fed, when the hearts of brave men have faltered; when the doors of schools and colleges have been closed to applicants, when churches have combined to reduce expenses; when the nation at large through its chief executive has almost staggered under the continued burden of a coal strike,—is a cause for great thankfulness on our part.

That we have been able to get coal this winter at a merely nominal price, is due to the kindness of Mr. Geo. Thompson, and we would gratefully acknowledge this, as well as many other expressions of interest in the Home.

The children, with one or two exceptions have been in good health the past year.

About November one little girl was taken ill with diphtheria, another child with scarlet fever. Both children were sent immediately to the City Hospital. They received the best of care and soon returned to us in their usual health.

In December there was a Parlor Sale, for the benefit of the Nickerson Home for Children, at 175 Temple Street, West Newton, the residence of our Vice-President, Mrs. Theodore Nickerson. The day appointed for the sale happened to be one of the coldest of the season, but there was good cheer within the family mansion, and the sales of fancy articles went on briskly, netting more than \$400.00 to the Home. Our thanks are due to the different members of the Fair Committee, and especially to Mrs. Nickerson, and her daughter who served us so acceptably as Chairman and Treasurer of the Fair Committee, and who also kindly opened their doors to us when sickness at the home prevented an attendance at the usual monthly meeting at 14 Tyler Street, Boston.

"The Old South Guild" has again kindly remembered us with a substantial gift in money.

Mr. Alfred Pierce still supplies us abundantly with germ meal, and his wife also sends much valuable clothing to the Home.

A friend sent \$5.00 at Thanksgiving, to be used toward a dinner, and another friend sent later \$5.00 to be applied to the Christmas dinner.

Our children were invited by the Second Unitarian Church of Copley Square, to their Christmas tree, by Mr. Howard Fuller Butler, Superintendent of their Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Van Ness, told them an appropriate story. Each child received a present, besides a "horn of plenty," filled with sweets. Then cake and ice cream were served, and the children returned to the Home, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

Again through the thoughtfulness of the Superintendent of the Bromfield Street Sunday School, the children went to their Christmas tree celebration. They also went to the Christian Church to a Christmas tree distribution of gifts.

Santa Claus, and his co-laborers, Mrs. Theodore Nickerson, with her daughter, Miss Marion Nickerson, worked as harmoniously as ever at Christmas time, filling the stockings of the children with valuable presents.



The outings given to the children by kind friends, have done much in the way of keeping our little ones in touch with family life, or miniature "home rule." July 1st, Miss Fisk, Superintendent of the Deaconess' Home, took fifteen of our children to Middleboro for two weeks.

Tommy Legget, for being such a valuable assistant in the care of the younger children, was rewarded with an additional week's rest. He also went to Webster Lake, for two weeks with eight school teachers. The remainder of his vacation was passed in East Douglass, Mass.

Three boys went to Ware for the summer, and were liked so well, that they have not yet returned.

September 2nd, the children went to Nantasket Point and were given a dinner through the kindness of their former friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wade, the proprietors of the hotel at which they dined. September 20th, the children passed the day with Mr. William Armstrong, Superintendent Bromfield Street Sunday School. Another day they went to the beautiful home of the Rev. William E. Davies, of Reading, and were well entertained. They had another pleasant day with Mr. Alfred Pierce, in his home at Newtonville.

The usual annual picnic at Franklin Park, under the auspices of Mr. D. W. Waldron, City Missionary, was an enjoyable occasion for the little ones. The Superintendent of the Elevated R. R., through the kindness of Mr. Waldron, furnished the children with fifty tickets for their outings.

Mrs. More of Milford, entertained two little boys, Ernest Swan and Ralph Church, during Christmas week, and became quite attached to her little guests.

That God's richest blessing may rest upon all of the kind donors and friends, who have so generously contributed to the wants of the little ones in our Home, is the prayer of our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

GARAFELIA M. DAWSON,

*Secretary.*

Dr.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Building Fund, cash on hand January 1st, 1902,	\$372.65	To water tax, fuel and light,	.	.	\$170.03
Subscriptions and Donations,	. . . 1,946.37	Repairs and Refurnishings,	.	.	1,062.08
Received at Home,	. . . 1,360.75	Printing Reports,	.	.	64.50
Receipts from Fair,	. . . 412 42	Help in Home,	.	.	779.00
Interest on Deposits,	. . . 195 00	Boots and Shoes,	.	.	87.00
Drawn from Reserve Fund,	. . . 775.48	Balance Mrs. E. L. Van Horn Legacy,	.	.	413.00
Legacy from Mrs. E. L. Van Horn, for purchasing		Balance from Fair,	.	.	245.92
Boots and Shoes,	. . . 500.00	Current Expenses,	.	.	2,368.49 <sup>13</sup>
		Building Fund cash on hand,	.	.	372.65
					<u>\$5,562.67</u>

The above account has been examined and found correct.

MRS. MARY M. HOLWAY, *Treasurer.*CHARLES H. BESTWICK, *Auditor.*

## LIST OF DONORS FOR 1902.

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### A

Abbot, Dr. C. E., Andover.  
 Abbot, Mrs. G. St. L., Concord.  
 Adams, C. F., Boston.  
 Adams, E. P., Gloucester.  
 Adams, H. B., Fitchburg.  
 Adams, M. H., Boston.  
 Adams, The Misses, Waltham.  
 Allen, A. S., New Bedford.  
 Allen, W. A., Andover.  
 Allen, W. H., Boston.  
 Alford, Edward B., Brookline.  
 Allison, Henry, Fitchburg.  
 Agassiz, Mrs. E. C., Cambridge.  
 Ames, Mrs. Frederick L., Boston.  
 Amory, C. W., Boston.  
 Anderson & Bowman, Andover.  
 Andrews, C. F., Gloucester.  
 Andrews, E., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Anthony, Benjamin, New Bedford.  
 Arakelyan, Mrs. J. J., Boston.  
 Atkins, E. F., Boston.  
 Atkinson, C. F., "  
 Atwood, H & R., "  
 Avery, Orlando, Milford.  
 Ayers, J. S., Gloucester.

### B

Babson, Moses L., Boston.  
 Bacon, B. F., Newton.  
 Bager, E., Boston.  
 Baker, E. H., Boston.  
 Ball, E. S., Waltham.  
 Battles & Norton, Charlestown.  
 Barnes, Miss M. E., Brookline.  
 Barnard, H. W., Andover.  
 Barry, Mrs., Brighton.  
 Barrett, Mrs. R. F., Concord.  
 Bassett, H. F., Taunton.  
 Barrows, R. S., Boston.  
 Beebe, J. Arthur, "  
 Belding, C. M., "  
 Bell, F. W., Andover.  
 Bell, W. G., Boston.  
 B. J. F., New Bedford.  
 Benedict, Mrs. W. G., Boston.

Benjamin, M. N., Fitchburg.  
 Bennett, A. H., Beverly.  
 Bird, W. B., Boston.  
 Black, G. H., "  
 Blake, George F., Boston.  
 Blake, W. P., Boston.  
 Blake, E. B., Greenfield.  
 Boit, Robert, Boston.  
 Borden, C. R., Taunton.  
 Bourne, G. W., Kennebunk.  
 Bourne, W. H., Milford.  
 Bowmar, C., Clinton.  
 Bowers, Taunton.  
 Bowser, W., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Boyd, Dalton & Co., Boston.  
 Boynton, C. H., Gloucester.  
 Bowditch, Charles P., Boston.  
 Bradford, George R., Gloucester.  
 Bradley, Mrs. A. A., Hingham.  
 Bradley, Peter B. and Rob't S., Boston.  
 Bremer, Mrs. J. L., Boston.  
 Bremer, J. Parker, "  
 Brewster, Mrs. William, Cambridge.  
 Brigham, Helen C., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Brogie, O., Boston.  
 Brooks, G. N., Concord.  
 Brooks, Mrs. G. N., Concord.  
 Brown, A. M., "  
 Brown, B., Andover.  
 Brown, Charles, Concord.  
 Brown, Mrs. J. L., Boston.  
 Brown, L., Fitchburg.  
 Brown, R. H., "  
 Brownell, Mr., Taunton.  
 Burbank, S. W., Fitchburg.  
 Burdett & Williams, Boston.  
 Burnes, W. J., Andover.  
 Burnham Brothers, Gloucester.  
 Burnham, L. A., "  
 Butler, W. S., Boston.  
 Butterfield, A. D. Bass Point.

### C

Cally, A. M., Andover.  
 Campbell, C. A., Boston.  
 Campbell, Hugh, "



Cam, G. F., Charlestown.  
 Candler, J. W., Boston.  
 Cann, Arthur, "  
 Canning, P., "  
 Carpenter, Mrs. G. O., Boston.  
 Carter, Josiah H., Boston.  
 Carter, W. O. Andover.  
 Carter, Rice & Co., Boston.  
 Carter, J., Boston.  
 Cash, "  
 Cash, P., Ballardvale.  
 Cash, New Bedford.  
 Cash, Boston.  
 Champion, J. H., Andover.  
 Chapman, Mrs. J. H., Brookline.  
 Cham, Sebastian, Boston.  
 Chase, H. M., Arlington.  
 Chase & Sanborn, Boston.  
 Cheney, Miss C. F., Concord.  
 Church, L. B., Taunton.  
 Church, T. L., "  
 Clapp, Miss A., Boston.  
 Clapp, J. Wilkinson, Boston.  
 Clafin, C. F., Milford.  
 Clay, Ira M., Milton.  
 Clemson, Mrs. H., Taunton.  
 Clifford, Mrs. E. C., Boston.  
 Clifford, B. L., Boston.  
 Clifford, G. E., Fitchburg.  
 Cobb, Andrew B., Newton.  
 Cobb, Henry E., "  
 Coburn, A. A., Milford.  
 Coburn, Mrs. G. W., Boston.  
 Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander, Boston.  
 Cochrane, Hugh, Boston.  
 Codman, C. R., "  
 Codman, E. D., "  
 Codman, R. S., "  
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 Corway, P., "  
 Cotting, C. E., "  
 Cotton, John & Son, Boston.  
 Cousens, Mrs. W. D., Arlington.  
 Covell, A. H., New Bedford.  
 Cowen, M. F., Weymouth Landing.  
 Cox, Mrs. J. N., Brookline.

Cravat, Thomas F., Boston.  
 Crocker, Mrs. H. H., "  
 Crook, Thomas M., East Boston.  
 Crowley, A. C., Andover.  
 Cummings, E. A., Boston.  
 Cummings, Miss M. G., Greenfield.  
 Cunningham, Thomas C., Boston.  
 Curran & Burton, Boston.  
 Curtis, M. A., West Newton.  
 Cushman, John, "  
 Cushman, S. L., Taunton.  
 Cutler, D. E., Waltham.

## D

Daly, P. J., Andover.  
 Dana, Mrs. R. H., Boston.  
 Daniels, Miss A. A., Milford.  
 Day, Mrs. H. W., Hopedale.  
 Day, Mrs. Lewis, Norwood.  
 Day, Mrs. R. H., Boston.  
 Day, John L., "  
 Davenport, Miss Mary L., Greenfield.  
 Davidson Rubber Co., Boston.  
 Deal, Mrs. C. L., Greenfield.  
 Dean, Dr., West Newton.  
 Dean, J. W., Andover.  
 Denny, Clarence H., Boston.  
 Descalzo, Joseph, "  
 Deshon, Frank, Bass Point.  
 Dennison, L. O., Waltham.  
 Dexter, F. Gordon, Boston.  
 Dexter, Mr., Boston.  
 Dickenson, S. C., Fitchburg.  
 Dickerman, C. R., Boston.  
 Ditson, Oliver Company, Boston.  
 Dirigo Creamery, Beverly.  
 Doble, Mrs. C. L., "  
 Dodd, A. W., Gloucester.  
 Draper, C. H., Brookline.  
 Draper, Eben S., Hopedale.  
 Draper, George A., "  
 Draper, Wm. F., "  
 Drew, Mr., Plymouth.  
 Durrell, Mrs. M. T., Boston.  
 Dutcher, Miss Grace H., Hopedale.  
 Dutton, Andrew, Boston.  
 Dyer, Joseph, South Weymouth.

## E

Eastman, S. A., Milford.  
 Eaton, E. B., Boston.  
 Eaton, S., Natick.  
 Eddy, C. F., West Newton.  
 Edmands, George D., Boston.  
 Ellis, F. S., Milford.  
 Emerson, Mr., Wakefield.  
 Emerson, D. R. & Co., Boston.

Emerson, E. W., Concord.  
 Emerson, Miss Ellen, Concord.  
 Endicott, William, Boston.  
 Endicott, Robert R., Beverly.  
 Estabrook, Arthur F., Boston.  
 Evans, R. D., Beverly.

**F**

Fall, B., Charlestown.  
 Farmer, F. J., Andover.  
 Fearing, A. C., Boston.  
 Fegan, Mrs. W. J., Brookline.  
 Field, D. C. G., Greenfield.  
 Field, Z. C., Milford.  
 Fish, E., Fitchburg.  
 Fiske, A. F., West Newton.  
 Fletcher, S. J., Boston.  
 Flint, J. H., Andover.  
 Forbes, W. A., Greenfield.  
 Forbes, W. S., Jr., Boston.  
 Forrester, J. W., Clinton.  
 Foss, Miss E. M., Jamaica Plain.  
 Foster, C. T., Taunton.  
 Foster, C. R., Andover.  
 Foster, F. C., Boston.  
 Foster, W. S., "  
 Foxcroft, Frank, Boston.  
 Frazier, Benjamin, Gloucester.  
 Freeman, Miss H. E., Boston.  
 Friend, Boston.  
 Friend, Ballardvale.  
 Frost, G. F., Waltham.  
 Frost, George, Neponset.  
 Frowley, M. C., Taunton.  
 Fuller, Mr., Boston.  
 Furbush, Miss C. C., Greenfield.

**G**

Gaffney, C. F., Taunton.  
 Gannett, S., Milton.  
 Garland, A. S., Gloucester.  
 Garland, J. Everett, Gloucester.  
 Gardner, Mrs. R. S., Milford.  
 Garrett, Boston.  
 Gibbs, J. F., Waltham.  
 Gilbert, E. H., Andover.  
 Ginn & Co., Boston.  
 Gleason, D. A., Boston.  
 Gleason, F. E., Andover.  
 Gleason, M. E., Andover.  
 Glover, J. B., Boston.  
 Goepper, William, East Cambridge.  
 Goodrich, C. F., Boston.  
 Goodrich, Mr., Waltham.  
 Grant, Mrs. S. M., Brookline.

Graves, L. A., Greenfield.  
 Green, A. W., Greenfield.  
 Greenleaf, Mrs. James, Cambridge.  
 Grew, E. W., Concord.  
 Gourgue, Mrs. A. M., Concord.  
 Griswold, J., Greenfield.

**H**

Hale, Rev. E. E., Boston.  
 Hall, H. C., Waltham.  
 Hall, J. A. & Co., Boston.  
 Hannon, H. A., Andover.  
 Hardy & Cole, Andover.  
 Hardy, N. J., Andover.  
 Hardy, W. A., Fitchburg.  
 Haimar, J. T., Boston.  
 Harmon & Hopkins, Taunton.  
 Harmon, H. A., Andover.  
 Hart, Thomas N., Boston.  
 Harrington, F., Boston.  
 Hathaway, C. F., No. Cambridge.  
 Hatch, G. E., Boston.  
 Haven, Miss, "  
 Hayes, John B., Charlestown.  
 Heath, N. W., Milford.  
 Hewett, George, Boston.  
 Higgins, F. P., Andover.  
 Higgins, G. A., Andover.  
 Hill, Mrs. W. H., Brookline.  
 Hoar, Miss Caroline, Concord.  
 Hoey, C. H., Natick.  
 Hodgkins, Mrs. A. S., Somerville.  
 Holland, J. H., Taunton.  
 Holt, Miss Ella, Andover.  
 Holt, J. W., Arlington.  
 Holt, T. A., Andover.  
 Homer, G. S. & F. A., New Bedford.  
 Hopkins, Mrs. C. A., Brookline.  
 Hooper, Robert C., Boston.  
 Houghton, Mrs. H. N., Boston.  
 Howe, Elmer P., Boston.  
 Hoyt, C. W., Boston.  
 Hoyt, Miss C. C., Greenfield.  
 Hubbard, A., Gloucester.  
 Hubbard, Clara I., Taunton.  
 Hubbard, F. A., Clinton.  
 Hubbard, M. L., Taunton.  
 Hubbard, Phineas, Boston.  
 Hudson, Mrs. Woodward, Concord.  
 Hunt, G. W., West Newton.  
 Hunt, Frank W. & Co., Boston.

**I**

Ingraham, G. M., West Newton.  
 Irwin, W. A., Greenfield.



**J**

Jackson, E. T., Taunton.  
 Jaynes, C. P., Boston.  
 Jencks, W. W., Milford.  
 Jenkins, Mrs. C. E., Boston.  
 Jewell, S. B., Boston.  
 Johnson, Edward C., Boston.  
 Johnson, N. B., Milford.  
 Johnson, W. C., Fitchburg.  
 Jones, C. H., Natick.  
 Jordan, E. D., Boston.  
 Jordan, W. H., Gloucester.  
 Jones, W. H. & Co., Boston.

**K**

Kaiser, A., Andover.  
 Kay, J. M., Brookline.  
 Kelly, C., New Bedford.  
 Keith, Mrs. B. F., Brookline.  
 Kellogg, F. E., Greenfield.  
 Kennedy, A. L., Brookline.  
 Kennedy, John, Roxbury.  
 Kennedy, Miss L., Concord.  
 Kent, H. M., Boston.  
 Kerr & Call, Gloucester.  
 Keyes, J. M., Concord.  
 Keyes, Mrs. Prescott, Concord.  
 Kimball, John F., Andover.  
 King, W. A., Gloucester.  
 Kingsley, C. W., North Cambridge.  
 Knight, G. A., Boston.

**L**

Lally, James, Milford.  
 Lamb, B. & Co., Boston.  
 Lamb, H. W., Cambridgeport.  
 Lamb, J. H., Greenfield.  
 Lamb, S. O., "  
 Lamkin, George, Boston.  
 Lamson, A. W., "  
 Langen, John, Clinton.  
 Langsford, L. B., Gloucester.  
 Lawrence, Mrs. Abbott, Boston.  
 Leatherbee, G. W., Boston.  
 Lee, F. P., Milford.  
 Lewis, Helen, Waltham.  
 Lilly, C., Boston.  
 Lincoln, W. H., Boston.  
 Little, Brown & Co., Boston.  
 Lockhart, W. L., "  
 Lodge, Mrs. M. E., "  
 Lord, H., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Lord, R. W., "  
 Lovering, Charles L., Boston.  
 Lovett, A. S., Boston.  
 Lovett, Smith, "

Lowell & Fiske, Greenfield.  
 Lowell, Percival, Boston.  
 Lowe, O. M., Fitchburg.  
 Lunt, A. C., Beverly.  
 Lucas, M. F., Fitchburg.  
 Lyman, Theodore, Boston.  
 Lowe, William A., "

**M**

Macarty, J., Boston.  
 MacDonald, John, Brighton.  
 Mackey, M. J., Boston.  
 Mackinnon, T. A., "  
 Mac Gowan, J., Clinton.  
 Mac Geachy, Mrs. J. J., Clinton.  
 Mac Lawlin, H., Andover.  
 Manden Bros., Boston.  
 Mac Manus, "  
 Mac Phea, M., West Newton.  
 Mc Quade Bros., Clinton.  
 Macuen Bros., Milford.  
 Magee Furnace Co., Boston.  
 Mandell, W. J., Boston.  
 Mann, F. W., Milford.  
 Marland, C. H., Ballardvale.  
 Marston, S. W., Boston.  
 Marshall, W. E., Arlington.  
 Meredith, Boston.  
 Merrill, "  
 Messer, F. H., Andover.  
 Miller, L. J., Boston.  
 Miller, Mrs. Rebecca V., Boston.  
 Miller, Mrs. Wanda, Greenfield.  
 Milot, A., Taunton.  
 Mitchell, Mrs. H., Boston.  
 Mitchell, J. G., "  
 Monroe, Misses, Concord.  
 Moore, Stephen, Boston.  
 Moore, Mr., Woburn.  
 Morgan, H. E., Milford.  
 Morrison, E. J., Boston.  
 Morrison, "  
 Morse, A. B., Milford.  
 Morse, H. C., "  
 Morse, T. E., Boston.  
 Munger, Mrs. J., Waltham.  
 Murdock, Francis, Newton.  
 Murphy, Mrs. A. B., Boston.

**N**

Nash, Henry, East Weymouth.  
 Nash, Spaulding & Co., Boston.  
 Nason, Mary L., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Nelson & Clarke, Boston.  
 Nep, John, Boston.  
 Nichols, J. Howard, Newton.  
 Nickerson, Andrew, Boston.

Nickerson, Miss Grace, Newton.  
 Nickerson, Levi, Gloucester.  
 Nickerson, Mrs. Theodore,  
     West Newton.  
 Niven, W. S., Clinton.  
 Nolan, John, Milford.

## O

Old South Guild, Boston.  
 Olsen, Mrs. M. J., "  
 Osgood, Mrs. Edward, Boston.

## P

Page, C. F. & Co., Fitchburg.  
 Paine, S. S., New Bedford.  
 Palmer, A. W., Natick.  
 Parker, Mrs. C. W., Boston.  
 Parker, Miss Florence, Andover.  
 Parker, Wilder & Co., Boston.  
 Parkman, George F., "  
 Patch, Mrs. H. W., Gloucester.  
 Paul, J. & Co., Taunton.  
 Peabody, H. W. & Co., Boston.  
 Peabody, Mrs. Mary, Ipswich.  
 Peabody, F. H., Boston.  
 Pearson, Mrs. C. H., Brookline.  
 Pease & Kendall, Clinton.  
 Perkins, George H., Gloucester.  
 Perry, Albert, Beverly.  
 Pervult, J., Fitchburg.  
 Peters, G. G., Boston.  
 Phillips, E. B., "  
 Pierce, W. A., Arlington.  
 Pierce, S. S., Boston.  
 Pike, E. C., Andover.  
 Pitman, J. E., "  
 Plummer, E. L., Clinton.  
 Pomfret, J. W., West Newton.  
 Pope, J. F. & Son, Beverly.  
 Porter, J. V., Beverly.  
 Pond, Mrs. U. S., Foxboro.  
 Powell, William, Fitchburg.  
 Pray, B. S., Boston.  
 Price, A. E., Gloucester.  
 Proctor, J. H., Boston.  
 Proctor, J. O., Gloucester.  
 Putnam, George, Boston.

## Q

Quigler, Timothy, East Boston.

## R

Ranny, F., Boston.  
 Reed, Clarence G., Somerville.  
 Reed & Gammage, Boston.  
 Reuter & Co., Roxbury.  
 Rhodes, S. H., Boston.

Rhodes, W., Andover.  
 Rhodes & Ripley Clothing Co., Boston.  
 Rice, N. W. & Co., Boston.  
 Rich, Isaac, Boston.  
 Richards, H. C., Boston.  
 Richardson, Wm. Cummings, Boston.  
 Richardson, Charles & Co., "  
 Richardson, W. F., Boston.  
 Robertson, Robert, Beverly.  
 Rockwell, H. W., Fitchburg.  
 Rogers, B. H., Andover.  
 Rogers, E. F., Boston.  
 Ross, F. M., Kennebunk, Me.  
 Rowe, E. L., Gloucester.  
 Russell, C., Boston.  
 Russell, Charles A., Gloucester.  
 Russell, Mrs. Ellen M., Greenfield.  
 Russell, Edward, Charlestown.

## S

Sanber, A. W., East Boston.  
 Sanborn, Charles H., Boston.  
 Sanders, C., Trustees of Est., Boston.  
 Sanford, G. T., New Bedford.  
 Saunders, George, Andover.  
 Sawyer, E. H., Beverly.  
 Sawyer, Mrs. Joseph, Boston.  
 Scott, E. M., Boston.  
 Scott, M. E., "  
 Sears, Mrs. P. H., Boston.  
 Shattuck, Miss M. S., Boston.  
 Shattuck, C. H., Boston.  
 Shaw, Mrs. G. H., "  
 Shaw, William, Ballardvale.  
 Sheldon, G. T., Boston.  
 Shephard, John, "  
 Sherman, E. D., New Bedford.  
 Sherman, J. L., "  
 Shirly, Mrs. G. H., Waltham.  
 Simply, Timothy, Boston.  
 Skillings, D. N., "  
 Skin, B., New Bedford.  
 Skinner, H. & Co., Taunton.  
 Slocum, G. P., New Bedford.  
 Smart, J. A., Andover.  
 Smith, Mrs. Fayette, Greenfield.  
 Smith, Mrs. J. R., Newton Highlands.  
 Smith & Manning, Andover.  
 Smith Suffolk Co., South Boston.  
 Smith, Patterson & Co., Boston.  
 Smith, W. N., Taunton.  
 Sockey, C. H., Milford.  
 Sortell, Mrs. D. R., East Cambridge.  
 Spaulding, William S., Boston.  
 Stearns, Mrs. A. M., Brookline.  
 Stearns, Miss Helen S., "  
 Stearns, J. G., Boston.  
 Steese, Mrs. E., Brookline.



Stevens, J. W., Greenfield.  
 Stiles, J. F., Fitchburg.  
 Storey, J. C., Boston.  
 Studley, Mrs. E. A., Boston.  
 Studley, Mrs. M. A., "  
 Sullivan & Callahan, "  
 Swan, W. W., Boston.  
 Swasey, Oscar S., Beverly.  
 Sweet, B. D., Boston.  
 Sweetser, F. E., Boston.

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Taff, T. F., Boston.  
 Taft, Jessie A., Milford.  
 Talbot, John, Milton.  
 Taylor, Charles H., Boston.  
 Taylor, F. W., Cambridge.  
 T. B., Boston.  
 T. E. V. R., Boston.  
 Thatcher, Mrs. H. C., Boston.  
 Thayer, Mrs. Kate, Milford.  
 Thayer, Mrs. J. B., "  
 Thayer, Mrs. J. H., Cambridge.  
 Thorndyke, S. Lothrop, Boston.  
 Thomas, O. C., Taunton.  
 Thompson, Mrs. E. W. E., Brookline.  
 T. N., Boston.  
 Torr, G. H., Andover.  
 Tower, W. A. Boston.  
 Travis, W. H., Natick.  
 Tufts, Mrs. Arthur W., Boston.  
 Tufts, Hosea C., Gloucester.  
 Tuttle, Mrs. William, Boston.  
 Turner, A. L., Boston.  
 Turner, E. C., "  
 Turner, W. J., "  
 Tyer, H. H., "

### U

Underwood, William, Boston.  
 Usher, Samuel. "

### V

Van Horn, George C., Boston.  
 Van Nostrand, A. G., "  
 Volpey, E. H., Boston.  
 Vose, Charles, "

### W

Wakefield, J. P., Andover.  
 Wallace, Rodney, Fitchburg.  
 Walen, W. & Son, Gloucester.  
 Wales, George, Boston.  
 Walker, J. E., Milford.  
 Walworth, A. C., Boston.  
 Wanson, A. H., Gloucester.

Wanson, F. P., Gloucester.  
 Wanson, R. B., "  
 Warren & Son, Waltham.  
 Wason, R. B., Boston.  
 Washburn, Mrs. Hannah, Greenfield.  
 Wasson, Mrs. E., Brookline.  
 Webber & Tobin, Milford.  
 Webster, William A., Waltham.  
 Weir Stove Co., Taunton.  
 Weisbrod, Emil, Greenfield.  
 Wentworth, Ariocho, Boston.  
 Westcott, Maria P., Hopedale.  
 Weston, Mrs. D. M., Boston.  
 Weston, Henry C., "  
 Wheeler, Miss S. E., Wellesley Farms.  
 Wheeler, A., Milford.  
 Whidden, Mrs. G. M., "  
 Whitcomb, E. Noyes, Boston.  
 White, W. L., Taunton.  
 Whitney Bros. & Co., Boston.  
 Whitney, D. R., Boston.  
 Whitney, Miss Mary, Boston.  
 Whittemore Bros. & Co., Cambridgep't.  
 Witham, W. W., Gloucester.  
 Wilder, Mr. & Mrs. Edward B., Boston.  
 Wilder, The Misses, Boston.  
 Willcox, Mrs. W. H., Malden.  
 Willcut, Mrs. L. L., Brookline.  
 Willis, Dr., Waltham.  
 Willis, H. A., Fitchburg.  
 Williams, C. A., Boston.  
 Williams, D. W., "  
 Williams, G. B., Milford.  
 Williams, John D., Boston.  
 Wilkinson, C. F., Milford.  
 Wilson, E. A., Ballardvale.  
 Wilson, H. F., "  
 Wilson, John, Greenfield.  
 Winslow, Rand & Weston, Boston.  
 Winch, Mrs. J. F., Brookline.  
 Withington, Mrs., Medford.  
 Wood, J. B., Concord.  
 Wood, Thomas, Boston.  
 Wooley, George, Waltham.  
 Wright, Luther A., Boston.  
 Wrightington, Mrs. C. W., Brookline.  
 Woodbury, G. P., Milford.  
 Woodbury, O. H., Beverly.  
 Woodbury, Rufus O., "

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York, C. W., Boston.  
 York & Whitney, Boston.  
 York, Sumner D., Gloucester.

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Zeigler, A., Boston.



# CORRESPONDENCE

## AND

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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The children who have left us still seem to gratefully remember the Nickerson Home in Tyler Street. Some of them have been taken on trial in families, and others have already been legally adopted. We are always glad to hear from them, and the letters which follow were written to the Matron, whose motherly care they so long shared.

In this letter from Johnnie Mosher, we think he must be very much pleased with his country home, and he seems to wish it may become a permanent one.

SIX MILES FALLS, ME.

*Dear Mrs. Holway:*

I have a nice little bed right beside of mamma. I have a dog. His name is Ring, and he is black and white. I water Charlie, the horse, for papa, and get in the wood for my mama.

We have got some little pigs, and a big one with a long nose. I have got a top that my sister Geneva bought me. I can spell my name and Bangor. We have got some hens, and I feed them, and let them out in the morning and shut them up at night. Papa killed a big pig and carried him down town. It weighed three hundred and eighty pounds. I go after the sheep nights out in the field and drive them into the orchard.

Papa and I went into the woods and got some boughs.

I had three bossies, but one of them died, and the other two were sold. I went over to the yard with papa and got some leaves and picked up some shingles and put them into the church.



I get up in the morning and eat breakfast with George. I can dress myself.

I see Ralph Dudley most every day on the car going by here.

I have a new suit of clothes. I have a bank, a nigger man, and have forty cents in it. I have a pretty A, B, C book.

Mama made me some pants. I go with papa to drive the cows from the pasture. I get the papers nights when the car throws it off.

I am trying to be a good boy so I can stay here and not go back to the home.

Your loving boy,

JOHNNIE MOSHER.

Roland, after many changes, seems to be again living with the kind friend whom he calls Uncle John.

EAST CORINTH, ME., Dec. 30, 1902.

*Dear Mrs. Holway:*

It has been about one year and a half since I came to Maine. I went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Linnell in Exeter, where I staid about one year. I liked them, and they bought me some clothes and a sled, and sent me to school, but they thought they better not keep me, so I came back to Uncle John, and he took me to Charleston to Mr. and Mrs. Sampson. I lived with them three months, and helped Mr. Sampson on his farm, and went to school, but he thought I was not large enough to do his work, as he was away so much. Now I am again with Uncle John, and, I think, I shall stay with him. I go to school and help all I can. Uncle John gave me a nice sheep, and told me that when I have been here a year that he would give me one more, and one sheep each year as long as I stay. When I came to Maine I weighed forty-nine pounds, and when I came here I weighed fifty-one and one-half, and now I weigh fifty-four. For Christmas presents I had two books, a pair of socks to sleep in, pair of shoes, a nice jack-knife from my teacher, and a nice box of candy from my S. S. teacher.

From your loving son,

ROLAND REYNOLDS.

We are always pleased to hear how the children enjoy their vacations. The following from Mamie tells of the nice time Mamie is having at Middleboro.

MIDDLEBORO, July 23, 1902.

*My dear Mrs. Holway:*

We are having a lovely time at Middleboro with the kind Deaconesses.

Miss Fisk is doing so much for us, and we are having a grand vacation. The little children are very good, and I help care for them. We are going to stay two weeks.

Tommy may stay a week longer, as he is such a good boy. He does the errands.

We play out on the grass and have parties, and some lovely ladies called here to see us.

Ernest is full of fun. I wish he could find a good home here and have a nice papa and mama.

We like the cook, and she cooks nice things for us, and we are just having a good time every day.

Miss Freeman is here for a few days. Now I must close, and will write you again soon.

We all send love to you.

Your loving girl,

MAMIE.

One of our boys had a chance to see a little of camp life with some lady school teachers, who kindly invited him.

IN CAMP, WEBSTER LAKE, Aug. 23, 1903.

*Dear Mrs. Holway:*

Edith and I met the other girls on the train, and got here about five o'clock. We flagged a little steamer to take us to our cottage.

It is a lovely place here, and I expect to have some fun fishing and boat riding. David is going to teach me how to row.

Webster Lake has a very long name. The girls taught me how to say it. Chargogagogmanchaugagogagungamaug, thirty-three letters. I will say it for you when I see you.

Edith's friends are very nice to me. I do errands for them and help them. There are twelve in our party.

Mrs. Gilles, the lady next door, took me to Webster to her house.

I will write you soon again.

Your loving boy,

THOMAS M. LEGGETT.

It seems by the following letters that Walter and Harry are still enjoying their home in Garland, Me., as much as ever.

GARLAND, ME., Sept. 14, 1902.

*Dear Mrs. Holway :*

We are going to school now and have a good time studying our lessons.

We have got in all our grain. The sweet corn will soon be large enough to boil. The plums are getting ripe. We are going to have quite a lot of grapes and apples this year.

Papa built a chicken-house in the orchard, and fenced the orchard in for the chickens to stay in.

Some of our cousins came to visit us this summer. We played ball and croquet and went swimming in the brook.

Mr. Fisher, our minister, said to all the children in Sunday School that he would give a solid silver star to every child who came every Sunday in the year but five. Harry and I are trying to get one. We have not missed a Sunday yet.

Your loving boy,

WALTER.

GARLAND, ME., Sept. 14, 1902.

*Dear Mrs. Holway :*

I dug my potatoes yesterday. Walter and I have got land that we call our own. We raised beans, potatoes, and melons on it. We have got our grain all in. Our apples are getting ripe. We have got a great many plums this year, and they are getting ripe very fast.



We had a picnic in our pine grove. Seven of our cousins came. We are going to school now. We have just had two months vacation.

Papa shot two skunks because they were catching our chickens.

I went berrying the other day, and got three quarts.

We went to Sunday School and church to-day in the rain. I have been coloring pictures this afternoon with my crayons.

Your loving boy,

HARRY.

This letter from Barbara tells the good news that she has now been legally adopted, and bears the name of the family where she has found such a good home.

BREWER, ME., FRIDAY, Jan. 2, 1903.

*Dear Mrs. Holway:*

We received your letter and were pleased to hear from you, as it had been quite a while since we had received a letter from you.

We are all well, and hope the same from you. I hope you had a merry Christmas, and that you will have a happy New Year. I hope also that you had many presents.

In all I had twenty-five presents. I had four books, a work-basket, a pair of snowshoes, six or eight handkerchiefs, and a lot of other things. As we had snow two or three days after Christmas, I soon made use of the snowshoes.

My mother and I went to the theatre Christmas afternoon. It was a good play, called "The Power of the Press."

We had a nice skating spell before Christmas, and I had a nice time skating. I learned to skate fairly well last winter.

My father and I went out to the cottage Sunday. I had a nice time snowshoeing on the pond. I cannot walk on them very well yet, and this snow is too light to walk on. There has to be a little crust to hold any one when you go snowshoeing.

I suppose you miss Lola very much. Is Edie still with you? I hope there is no sickness among the children. Is Margaret with you yet?

My mother went up to Boston in October, but did not get a chance to see you.

I hope that you can get a chance to come down to Maine next summer, and if you do you must be sure to come and see us.

Well, it is bed time and I am tired, so with love to all, I will close.

BARBARA.

P. S. — My mother has taken out adoption papers, and my name has been changed to

BARBARA MAY THAYER.

The following from another of our country boys shows he, too, has found a permanent home and a parent's loving care.

EAST CORNISH, ME., Dec. 30, 1902.

*Dear Mrs. Holway :*

I am going to write you a little letter. I live on a big farm.

I have five steers and thirteen cows, seven calves and one little baby calf, two horses and forty sheep.

I have a dog named Mayno. We have great fun.

I have a little sled and a little ax, and I can cut wood and do lots of little things for my mama; can wash dishes, and I know how to break a few. I weighed fifty-four pounds when I came to my new home, and now weigh sixty-two pounds.

I am now eight years old. My papa and mama are very good to me, and I like my new home, and I am a happy boy.

Give my love to all the boys, and I changed my name to

HARLOW M. FARRAR.

Alexander, whose letter we give below, is doubtless quite proud that he is allowed to drive to school and take the scholars that live on the way there. We are glad that he fared so well at Christmas.

EXETER, ME., Dec. 30, 1902.

*Dear Mrs. Holway :*

I thought I would write a few lines and tell you about my home in the country.

I am going to school, and I have a long sleigh ride every day. We take the scholars as we go along, and I take the team and carry them.



I am growing fast, and weigh eighty-eight, and I have all the good apples I can eat.

I had for my Christmas a knife and a little lantern to light me to bed, a box of dominoes, and a box of candy for my Christmas presents.

I have a new ulster to wear. I have outgrown most of my clothes I had when I came down.

Yours truly,

ALEXANDER REMUS.

The letters which follow we were glad to receive from Sadie Boynton while she was an invalid in the hospital. She is now happily recovered, and with us again at the Home.

Dec. 12, 1902.

*My dear Mrs. Holway:*

I am in the Convalescent Home now at 2150 Dorchester Avenue. The doctor sent me here to get strong and well.

I miss Mamie and the children very much. Will you come out to see me? The nurse said "come between three and four o'clock." I have been here a week.

There is a lady here I like very much. Her name is Miss Damion. The name of the Matron is Miss Fairbanks. Please write to me soon. I send my love to all. Good-by.

Your loving little girl,

SADIE BOYNTON.

Dec. 19, 1902.

*My dear Mrs. Holway:*

I thought I would tell you what the doctor said. He said that if you will come for me Monday I can go home.

I miss you and Mamie and all the children. I shall be glad to see you again. Tell Mamie that when she goes to church to tell Miss Galbraith that I will be home for Christmas.

I have had a nice time here, but I shall be glad to get home again. Be sure to come after me. Good-by.

Your little girl,

SADIE BOYNTON,  
Convalescent Hospital.

Marie writes us from her home in New York City where she has now been for several weeks with Mrs. Dudley. We hope she may have the privilege of sharing this pleasant home for a long time yet.

73 EAST 82D STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 4, 1903.

*Dear Mama Holway :*

I thought I would write you telling you how safely I arrived here. Mrs. Dudley was waiting at the station just as I came out of the train.

We live between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue, near Central Park. We have a very nice apartment.

I have seen the Art Museum, the Park, the East Side Drive, and the Egyptian Monument. I had great fun at the children's pond. I saw the soldiers drill one night. I go to church nearly every Sunday. Last Tuesday there was an entertainment. We sang and said pieces for Christmas. Santa brought me a lot of things.

I go out sometimes and pay the bills for Mrs. Dudley. I like to do that. I like to live here, for it is very pleasant.

How is dear Edith and Mama Holway getting along? I hope you are in good health. We are all in good health here.

I have a dear little room with a little white enameled bed. I have a beautiful Bible ; I read it every day.

I hope you will be on soon to see me and Mrs. Dudley. I am waiting patiently to see you. I miss you very much. I must say good-by now.

Much love and kisses to all.

MARIE.















